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## Dies In Fire



Marshal Feng Yuh-shiang, the "Christian General," who is reported to have perished in a fire on the Soviet ship Pobeda, which broke out between Batum and Moscow. Marshal Feng, who defied Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, was expelled from the Kuomintang early this year.

## "HAMLET" WINS AWARD

Rome, Sept. 5.—Sir Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet" won the International Grand Prize at Venice film show, it was announced today.

Jean Simmons who played Ophelia in Hamlet, was proclaimed by the jury the best actress and received another Prix International.

Prize for the best actor was awarded to Ernest Deutsch for his acting in the Austrian film "Der Prozess" (The Trial).

The International prize for the best director was awarded to George Wilhelm Pabst, Austrian producer, for the same picture.—Associated Press.

## EDITORIAL

### This Practice Must Stop

THE McDermott affair calls for the strongest possible protest. According to unchallenged court evidence, a European civilian by name of McDermott, was not only stopped in the street by an RAF patrol and requested to prove his identity, but when, as a civilian, he refused, he was badly beaten up. A worse example of authority being grossly exceeded could hardly be conceived, and it is time Services policemen had made clear to them the limits of their duties. The McDermott incident is the first known case where MPs have used strong-arm methods against innocent civilians, but it is by no means the first time non-servicemen have been accosted by military police, and demanded to prove their bona-fides. In fact it has been brought to our attention that two British schoolboys of senior age went through this experience recently and had quite a difficult time convincing the overbearing MPs that they were not army deserters. What has to be made clear to MPs is that in the first place they have no right to challenge civilians; that here in Hongkong, civilians do not have to possess identity cards; and that a civilian is fully within his rights to refuse to answer questions put to him by any but a Government police officer. The authoritarian behaviour of the MPs in the McDermott affair was shameful and we are astonished that the magistrate who tried the case

offered no strictures. We are unaware of any statutory rights for MPs to accost and cross-examine civilians in the streets, and it by any chance the local authorities have tacitly conceded them this privilege, the public will demand that it be withdrawn at once. We should have thought the MPs had quite sufficient to do to look after their own without trespassing on the duties of the civil police who are given legal powers to apprehend civilian suspects. If MPs feel the public need protection from a recalcitrant person their duty starts and stops at calling a civil police officer. They are not entitled to flaunt the limited authority invested in them and to behave like the late Mr. Hummer's boy-friends. They are expected, of course, to render assistance to a civil police officer if called upon to do so, but they cannot, and must not be allowed to assume this authority. The fact that the challenging of McDermott in a Kowloon street is not an isolated incident indicates that the MPs have not been properly briefed either concerning their duties or the limits of their legal powers. This should be done without further delay, and in future, where it can be shown that an MP has exceeded his authority he should receive disciplinary punishment. It is insisted that the growing practice of MPs interfering with the accepted liberties of the civilian be stopped forthwith.

## Four Americans Reported Missing In Soviet Zone

### RUSSIANS PLEAD IGNORANCE

Berlin, Sept. 5.—Four Americans have been missing for more than 12 hours in Germany's Russian Zone, the U.S. Military Police announced early today. MP officials asked the Soviet authorities whether the Americans had been arrested.

The four missing persons left Berlin in two automobiles at noon yesterday, driving down the blockaded highway toward Western Germany. At latest reports, neither car had reached Helmstedt, where the highway crosses into the British Zone. Helmstedt is about two hours' drive from Berlin.

The first car was driven by a Mr. F. Erdos, according to the Military Police, and the second by a Mr. Sutton. There were two unnamed passengers in Mr. Sutton's car. All four apparently were civilians.

Russian officials said they had no information about the four, who appeared to have been misled into trying to drive into Eastern Germany by rumours that the Soviet blockade of Berlin had been lifted.

The first report of the four missing travellers came about 20 hours after six "joyriding" American soldiers arrested late Saturday night in the Russian sector of Berlin were surrendered to the United States authorities.

Meanwhile, four-power negotiations aimed at ending the blockade entered their seventh day after a day in which technical committees thrashed out details of the anticipated agreement. Informal quarters predicted that the Berlin talks were "nearing an end."—United Press.

### WHAT A VOICE

Anti-Communist city officials appealed again today for a voice in the present negotiations between Russia and the West.

Berlin's acting mayor, Ferdinand Friedensburg, and Ernst Reuter, elected mayor, the Russians did not let take office, asked Germany's four occupiers to receive

German representatives before the talks on Germany are kicked back to Moscow.

The same request was made by city officials when the talks between the four Military Governors started last week.

British-licensed papers said that Friedensburg's appeal was handed to the Russian and Western Military Government Liaison officers.

The legally elected Government asked for a voice in their city's fate and the Communists warned through the Russian-licensed press that Berlin "workers" are still on the march.

This was regarded as a threat to anti-Communists who are reported to have recruited strong arm squads to repel the Communists' expected march on the City Hall tomorrow when the City Assembly will attempt to meet.—United Press.

## They're Only Practising



These French troops are firing mortar bombs during a practice session in the vicinity of a proposed new airfield in the French sector of Berlin. Most of men are new recruits serving compulsory year with the French Army.—Acme Picture.

## TRAINS STAND BY FOR BERLIN

### Ready For End Of Soviet Blockade

Berlin, Sept. 5.—Two coal trains, with steam up, were standing by tonight at Helmstedt, the little British Zone frontier station on the main line to Berlin.

Railwaymen were all at their posts. They awaited the green light from the German capital, where negotiations to end the 11-weeks' Soviet blockade appeared on the verge of success.

Helmstedt railway officials confirmed late this evening, after a day of conflicting reports, that they expected the order for rail traffic to be resumed between Berlin and the Eastern Zone "at any time."

Bizonal railway headquarters in Frankfurt had earlier denied Hanover reports that orders had actually been given to prepare for the opening of inter-zonal traffic "almost immediately, possibly today or tomorrow."

The Soviet-licensed Berlin paper, National Zeitung, said today however that the Military Government—who met yesterday for the fifth consecutive day—had "already" decided to reopen traffic lines to the West.

### NO SUNDAY MEETING

The Military Governors had no meeting today, but a British spokesman in Berlin said that they would confer again tomorrow. The four-power transport committee met, but there were no sessions of the finance and trade committees.

The Governors' meeting, which was to have been held this afternoon, was postponed because these committees came to no definite decisions, according to well-informed circles quoted by DINA, the German news agency.

British and American aircraft on the Berlin airlift made 593 flights to the capital during the 24 hours ending at midnight yesterday.

Hanover railway authorities said today that the Helmstedt officials had been ordered to take necessary steps to enable the resumption of inter-zonal traffic to be brought into effect almost immediately.

Berlin's City Assembly will meet in the City Hall in the Soviet sector tomorrow for the session that has been postponed almost daily for more than a week.

The last session was broken up by Communist demonstrators who stormed through the back door.

It was stated afterwards that the next session would not take place until Major General Alexander Kotikov, the Soviet Commandant, had given an assurance that the Assembly would be protected.—Reuter.

## British Troops May Be Sent To Burma, Says Report

Singapore, Sept. 5.—A battalion of British troops may be sent to Rangoon to protect British nationals and interests if the situation in Burma deteriorates further, it was unofficially reported in Singapore today.

Plans for the evacuation of 2,200 Britons from Burma have already been completed. The cruiser London, the flagship of the British Pacific Fleet, which arrived in Singapore from Hongkong yesterday, was transferred here ahead of schedule "because of the trouble in Malaya and Burma," it was announced.

Reports reaching Singapore from Burma said that no less than four almost separate insurrections were under way there, and it was doubted if the Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, would find sufficient popular support to regain control of the country.

## Cameras Lose Speed Plane

Cleveland, Sept. 5.—A fully armed United States Air Force jet fighter, in which Major Richard Johnson was believed to have flown at 669 miles per hour failed to establish a new world record because the official timing cameras caught only three of the passes over the three-kilometre course. The record, which Major Johnson tried to smash was 650.790 miles an hour set up a year ago by a United States Navy plane.

After the failure of Major Johnson had been announced an official explained that because of the failure to catch the wind and downwind passes the film could not be submitted to the International Aeronautical Federation for ratification. The plane in today's unsuccessful bid was a North American F-86 Jet fighter. The existing record was set up by Douglas Skystrake.

Two new British jet fighters, made by the Hawker firm, were stated this month to have speeds of "well over 600 miles an hour." They are the Hawker N7/40 and the C38/46.—Reuter.

## Unionists To Form Labour Party

Singapore, Sept. 5.—Delegates representing 40,000 trade unionists in the Federation of Malaya decided today at a four-hour session in Kuala Lumpur that a Labour Party should be formed in Malaya.

No action, however, will be taken until after their December meeting.—Associated Press.

## FIVE PWD EMPLOYEES RELEASED

Five of the eight PWD employees originally charged with larceny of electrical materials were set free by the magistrate, Mr. Wicks, at Kowloon Court this morning when the prosecution withdrew the charges against them.

The five are Leung King, assistant wireman, and Ngan Pui, Tong Chuen, Kam Wing and Lee Cho, electricians.

Date for commencement of the hearing against the remaining defendants was fixed for October 4. Insp. McPherson of the Special Branch indicated that the hearing was likely to last a week.

Two of the remaining defendants, Austin Spary and Arthur May, were remanded on bail, while the third man, Kwok Kong, was remanded in police custody.

## FRENCH WORKERS TO RECEIVE BONUS

Paris, Sept. 5.—After its first meeting tonight, M. Robert Schuman's new French Government issued a communique confirming the payment of a 2,500 francs bonus to all wage earners, excluding the Civil Service, at an unspecified date this week.

The fact that the bonus was to be paid once only was taken by observers to indicate that the Government intended to tackle the problem of salaries without delay. The deci-

sion followed a demand by all French trade unions last week for a bonus of 3,000 francs retrospective from August 1 and payable each month until the wages question was settled by the Government.

The communique said that the new Council of Ministers, as its first task, had reviewed the nation's economic and financial situation. The Council will meet again tomorrow under President Auriol.

The Government was formed against a background of "pin-prick strikes"—stoppages varying from 15 minutes to 24 hours—all over the

country. Today, 30,000 textile workers at Roubaix and 80,000 miners in southern France were still out.

La Seine, the only Paris evening paper to appear on Sunday, commented: "The new Government is strangely similar to its predecessors. It is composed of the same men with only a few exceptions and will seek its majority in the same parties as yesterday. Let us hope this majority will not be broken up too rapidly, to give the country, impatient to get out of its economic and financial insecurity, the laws it is asking for."—Reuter.

Karen tribesmen of Moulmein had "sinister possibilities."

### NO FIRE CRACKERS

On Malaya, the latest precaution against the Communists was a Singapore ban on the Chinese practice of firing crackers on the grounds that the noise could be used "as a cover for armed attacks." (Continued on Page 6)

### THREE POSSIBILITIES

The possibilities in Burma, in view of the uprisings by Communist, Army deserters, dissident members of the People's Volunteer Organisation and the Karens were believed to be:

- 1.—A prolonged period of indecisive fighting leading to chaos and anarchy throughout the country.
- 2.—The formation of a compromise Government—in effect giving the Communists control of Burma.
- 3.—Conquest of the country by the Karens.

The pro-Government New Times of Burma said in Rangoon today that if the situation worsened, the country might have to consider seriously "a concentration of powers in one person—perhaps a constitutional dictatorship of the kind Mr. Churchill enjoyed in Britain during the war."

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## WOMANSENSE

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ONE outfit—with eight variations suitable for swimming, tennis, cycling, dancing, and bathing—is the attache case week-end wardrobe of today's Sportsgirl.

It is a six-piece set in tan and white, candy-striped and plain. The pieces are brassiere, bathing trunks, and calf-lengths slacks (or jeans) in tan wool; shorts in white pique; sweater and skirt in striped jersey material. The jersey has horizontal stripes, the skirt vertical ones.

Robb shows you five of the possible variations; the other three are:—skirt and brassiere for sun bathing; sweater and shorts for tennis; and the brassiere and jeans for beach games.

The outfit can be expensive or otherwise, depending on the material you choose. But the idea is to check the items you already have, and make or buy the missing pieces to match.

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Photographed in the sweater-jeans outfit worn by the girl with the bicycle. The girl with the basket wears the sweater and skirt as a dress. The two girls in bathing kit show the changes between brassiere and sweater. The girl in the pant wears the brassiere with the white pique shorts.

## Bedroom Puts On New Look

By ELEANOR ROSS

THIS is the time of year when one starts to do something more than dream about a redecorating job on at least one room of the home. The bright rays of summer are less severe.

If it really is time for some new equipment or accessories, the bedroom is one of the easiest and most rewarding rooms to tackle. With headboard beds it is simple and fun to do over bedrooms. It's a clinch with headboard covers and—bedspreads, with draperies or dressing table skirts to match, a not-too-difficult job for even the amateur seamstress.

A bedroom charmingly done with say duobonnet tufted headboard and draperies, and tufted headboard is a true heavy. A slipcover of striped green and white chintz edged with green and white striped boxpleats would tie in beautifully and bestow a fresh, light look on the room. Then keep lengths of the striped chintz could be draped across the windows in pleats to fall in folds over sheer white glass curtains for a really inviting, cool and lovely effect.

## Softer Air

The same bedroom could be given a less sophisticated, softer air by using different materials. A headboard slipcover of quilted gray chambray and bedspreads of the clover-patterned material might supply just the right note of cool attractiveness. Quilted gray chambray valances and draperies of the clever patterned material would frame the windows beautifully.

There are a dozen different transformation schemes for any bedroom. Cotton fabrics are available in such a wide variety of colours and patterns, and at such sensible prices, that it's really no job to plan a change. And in no other room but the bedroom is it possible to make so complete a change of decor and appearance at such a modest outlay of time, effort and cash. For homemakers who find that open windows let in clouds of dust, most cotton materials are washable. Headboard covers made with zippered or buttoned closings can be easily whisked off and laundered along with the draperies and bedspreads.

## A Fine Way Of Relaxing

—SAYS VIRGINIA MAYO

THREE actors and amateur artists agree that if you want to relax, turn to art. They are Ronald Reagan, Virginia Mayo and Eddie Bracken, the top players of "The Girl from Jones Beach," the new comedy of an artist and a school teacher. All of them feel there's no hobby which gives more satisfaction than art to the amateur.

"It doesn't make much difference whether you sketch or do water colours or oil painting," Reagan said. "It's your own creation, your own interpretation of a person or a scene."

"You get so wrapped up with what you're doing you forget your troubles. And it's easy to get started. There are several excellent books for beginners."

Few but his friends knew of Reagan's interest in art until he began work as the artist in "The Girl from Jones Beach."

## Took Art Course

"I took an art course in school," he explained, "and I do considerable painting whenever I'm on location."

Miss Mayo majored in art in high school and learned the fundamentals. She frequently sketches scenes around her Van Nuys ranch home.

"I find it very relaxing," she said. Bracken took up oil painting a year and a half ago. He's perfectly frank about the reason.

"I'm a guy who likes to spend all the time possible at home with my family, and painting is something you can enjoy at home," he said with a big grin.

"I can forget everything—except the family—when I'm painting." If you want to forget all the world's troubles, Bracken suggested, go out and buy yourself a couple of brushes and some colours.

"Just sit down with a piece of paper and let yourself go," he said. "It's as good as going to the psychiatrist—and a lot cheaper."—Hollywood.

## RED RYDER



Time Grows Short

By Fred Harman

## Subtle Beauty for the Eyes



Mascara and eye shadow, properly applied, bring out the natural beauty of your eyes.

By HELEN FOLLETT

DO you consider eye make-up too artificial? But what about that vivid lipstick you are using, and the bright glow upon your finger sheaths? A little eye artifice, especially in the evening, when you are wearing your glad rags, the lights are on, and the music going, will impart a pleasing, mysterious effect. Of course, you must use the know-how. It is one form of make-up that requires delicacy of touch. Not only that, you must use the old hand.

The correct technique is subtle, natural looking and flattering. Once you learn the trick, it is easy to apply mascara and shadows as to touch the rosy glow to your lips.

Use an eyelash pomade nightly to make the little winkers grow. After using powder, touch the lashes with mascara. Black can be used if one is a brunette, a dark brown is better for the blonde and the redhead. For evening you will find a combination of black and blue that is intriguing.

There is a brown-green that is flattering to the girl with copper-coloured hair.

On some mascara offerings you will find a sponge moistener that enables you to keep just the right amount of water on the brush for a perfect application.

Have you ever heard of the eye lash curler? A cute little gadget and it does the business. Slip the winkers over a rubber bow, adjust it as close to the eyelids as you can. Then you carefully squeeze the handles together several times to produce a natural looking tilt to the silky shafts. Fun to play with.

If you don't wish to use mascara—maybe your lashes are as black as the raven's wing and you don't need it—put a little bit of lash pomade on the rubber bows before curling. Loosen the grip slightly, draw the curler off along the lashes, distributing the pomade evenly from roots to tips. The valances of the soul window curtains will carry a lustre.

## BOYS AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Mr. Punch's Beautiful Garden

—It Had Some Strange Flowers in It—

By MAX TRELL

"WHEN I was a boy," Mr Punch was telling Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, "I used to have the most beautiful garden. I used to raise all kinds of flowers. They weren't the usual kind of flowers, either. In fact, many of them were quite odd. No one else had ever heard of them."

Knarf and Hanid instantly asked Mr Punch to tell them about the odd flowers that he raised in his garden when he was a boy.

"Well," said Mr Punch as he lit his pipe and settled himself in his chair, "I raised blue bells that were quite odd. They used to go tinkle-tinkle all day long. They really were bells, you see."

"Oh," said Hanid. "Did you really have ringing blue bells, Mr Punch?"

## Roared Like Lions

"Certainly, my dear. And I used to have dandelions that roared like lions. They sounded quite frightening, especially late at night. But, of course, they never harmed anyone. They just stood in one spot and roared at each other."

Knarf and Hanid looked at each other in amazement. There were times when it was hard to tell whether Mr Punch was telling the truth, or just telling a make-believe story.

Mr Punch smiled as he went on. "My mother never had to go to the store to buy butter. I gave her all the butter she needed right from my own buttercups. And on rainy days," Mr Punch said before Knarf or Hanid had a chance to interrupt, "we always had plenty of fine, bright sunshine from my sun-flowers."

"But Mr Punch, sunflowers don't give sun! They just keep looking at the sun!"



On rainy days there was sunshine in Mr. Punch's garden.

Mr Punch didn't seem to hear Hanid. "And I grew wonderful vegetables, too, my dears. You can't imagine what fine baked potatoes I used to grow."

"Baked potatoes, Mr Punch?" Knarf said. "But you can't grow potatoes already baked!"

## Boiled Onions

"I did. And I grew boiled onions, and boiled peas, and ice-cold water-melon, and lettuce in little wooden salad bowls, and cucumbers in slices, and radishes with salt on them. Yes, it was a very odd garden. No one had ever grown those things before. And I suppose," he added a bit sadly, "no one ever will. Well, I thought I'd tell you about it."

And saying that, Mr Punch shut his eyes and took a nap. And though Knarf and Hanid both begged him to tell more about his wonderfully odd garden—and to find out whether he also grew apple dumplings, and peuced oranges, and cat-tails that meowed, and Black-eyed Susans that winked their eyes, and popples and also mommies... but Mr Punch just wouldn't answer. He stayed fast asleep.

## KITCHENETTE

## PEPPER RELISH

Pepper is not usually advisable for youngsters, but taken in a small quantity now and then is not harmful, and here, Jeanne Shawblosky, 15 years old, has a recipe for "pepper relish" which "I know is good because I helped my mother put up some and I like it."

- 4 cups green peppers.
- 4 cups red sweet peppers
- 4 cups onions
- 4 cups celery
- 1/2 cup salt
- 3 cups sugar
- 3 cups vinegar

Cover the peppers, onions and celery, all chopped fine, with boiling water. Drain after five minutes and add the rest of the ingredients. Boil rapidly for 10 minutes, put in jars and seal.

The recipe seems easy and Aunt Peggy would like to point out that smaller quantities can be put up if the ingredients are used in the same proportion. For instance, if you wish to make just half the recipe you would use only two cups of the ingredients which are called for in quantities of four cups; one-eighth of a cup of salt, and 1 1/2 cups each of sugar and vinegar.

## Rupert &amp; Ting-Ling—31



At length Rupert reaches Li-po's house, and he finds the mandarin fanning himself on a terrace. "Please come quickly," he shouts. "A huge dragon has found Ting-Ling and it may have gobbled him up by now!" Then he waits in anxiety, but to his amazement the old man hardly troubles to turn his head. "Did you say a dragon, little bear?" he murmurs. "Well, well. And why not?" Rupert stares in bewilderment. "These Chinese are the limit," he thinks. "Does nothing ever excite them?" ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**FREIGHT PILE-UP**—The wreckage of two sets of freight cars lie piled up on a river bank after a collision at Wellesville, Ohio. One of the train crew was slightly injured, and damage is estimated at U.S.\$100,000. A broken wheel on one of the cars is believed to have caused the accident, which derailed 30 cars and tore up several hundred feet of track.



**TALL STORY**—Ed Ecker, six-foot, seven-inch tackle for the Chicago Bears, sends half-back Allen Lawler, five feet, ten inches, up into the clouds so that the "Little Bear" can send a high pass. Might come in handy this autumn, but now it's only a gag while the team is training.



**BABY SITTING, JERUSALEM STYLE**—Jewish WIZO workers bring babies out for fresh air after the youngsters had been cooped up in cellars during a recent shelling of Jerusalem. Sandbags are filled with cow fodder; larger ones with Australian hay. Fodder and hay both came to this locale with cows from outlying districts. The picture was taken at the French convent during a lull in the fighting.



**SMALL FRY**—Not too familiar with the intricacies of the law, three-year-old Bruce Carlton tries to reason with a policeman at St Petersburg, Florida, after hauling in this undersized bass. The fish was somewhat short of legal length (one foot), but the officer "looked the other way" this time.



**ALL SIZES**—Weighing only three pounds at the ripe old age of 20 days, "Baby Boy" Fox, left, is a lot smaller than day-old "Big Boy" Rusky, weighing in at 11 pounds, 13 ounces, who outwents and outweighs the nursery in a Chicago hospital.



**LEADS THE WAY**—Leaving the Jewish Agency building after discussing the touchy subject of Jerusalem's demilitarisation, UN mediator Count Folke Bernadotte (centre), heads a procession of Jewish officials and UN observers.



**NOT ALL WORK**—Ellen James, Shirley Modell and Joyce Russa (left to right) are three pretty Miami products who help to keep the job interesting for construction workers building a new million-dollar night club on the site of the famed Copacabana, completely destroyed by fire last year.

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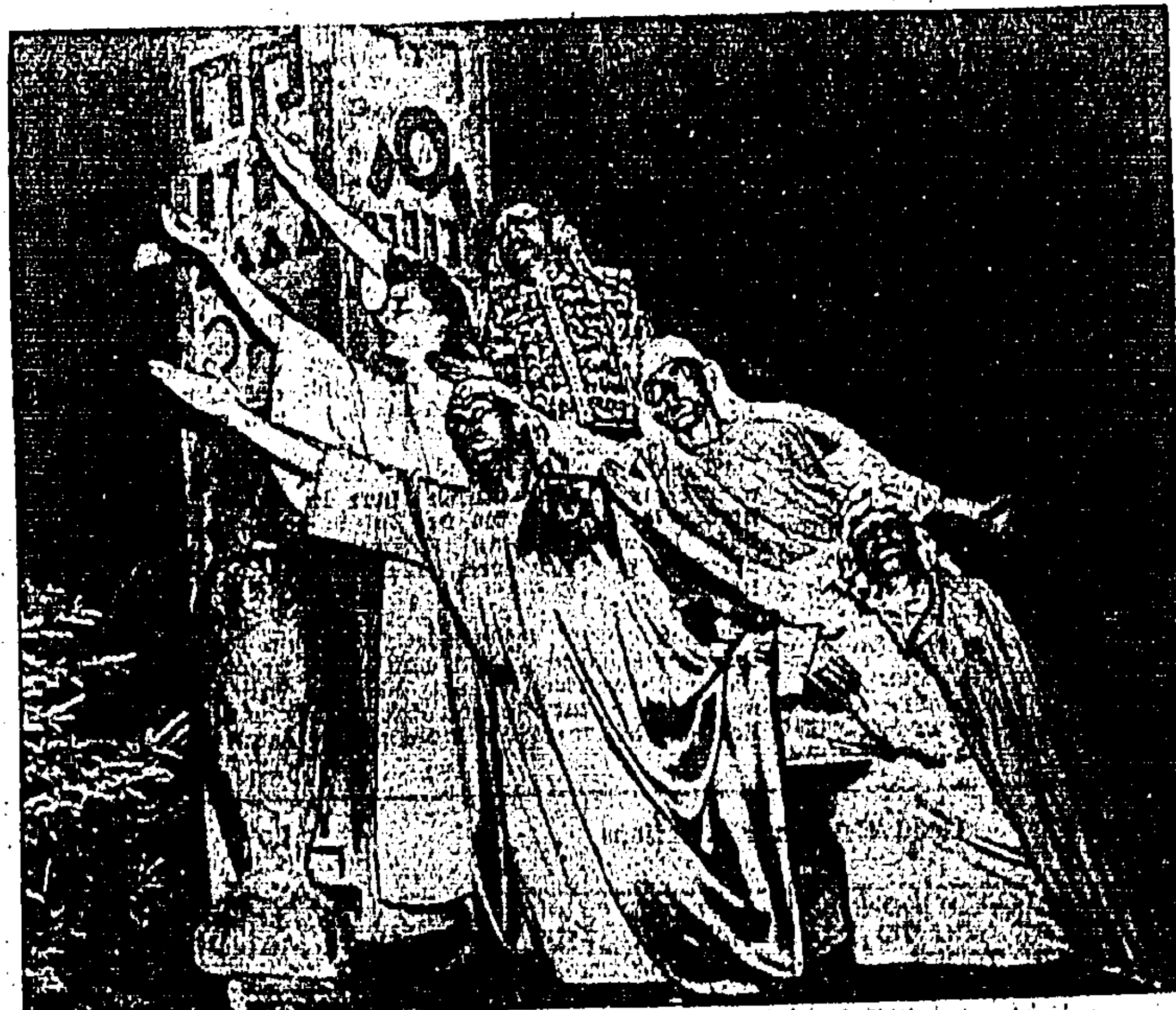
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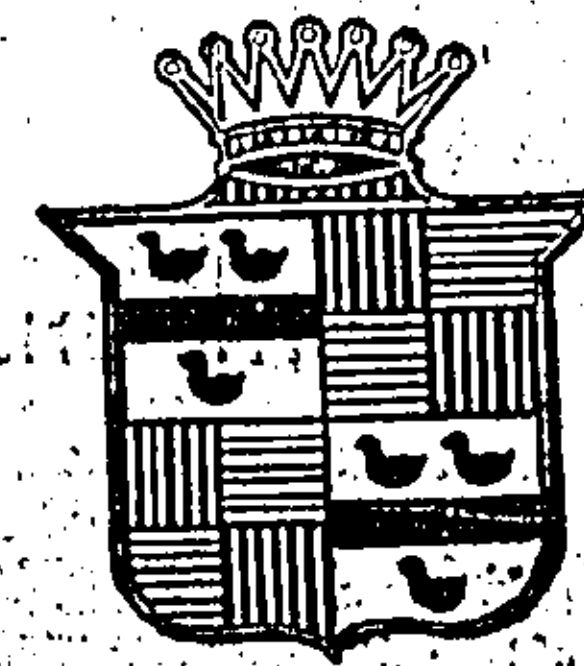
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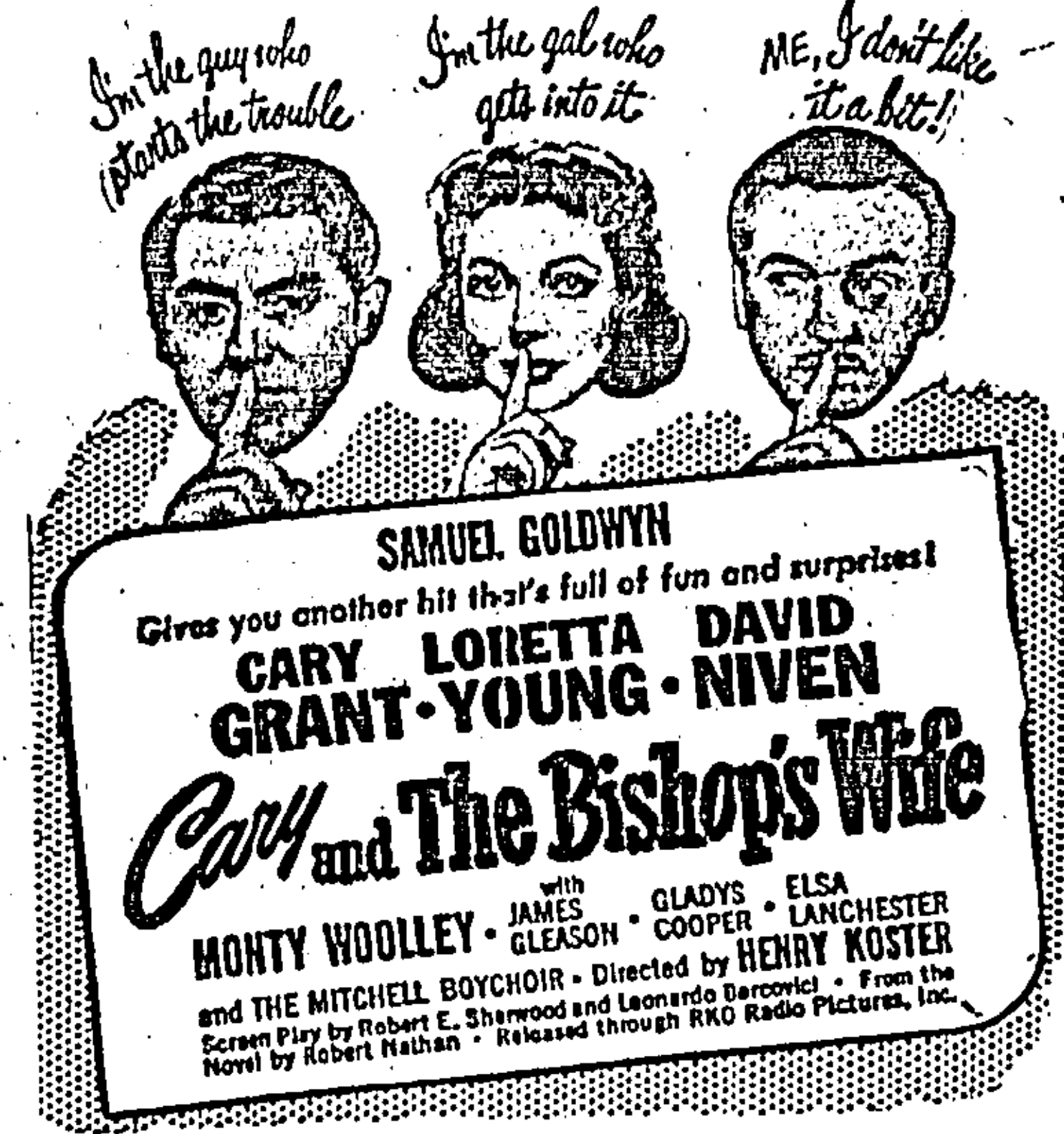
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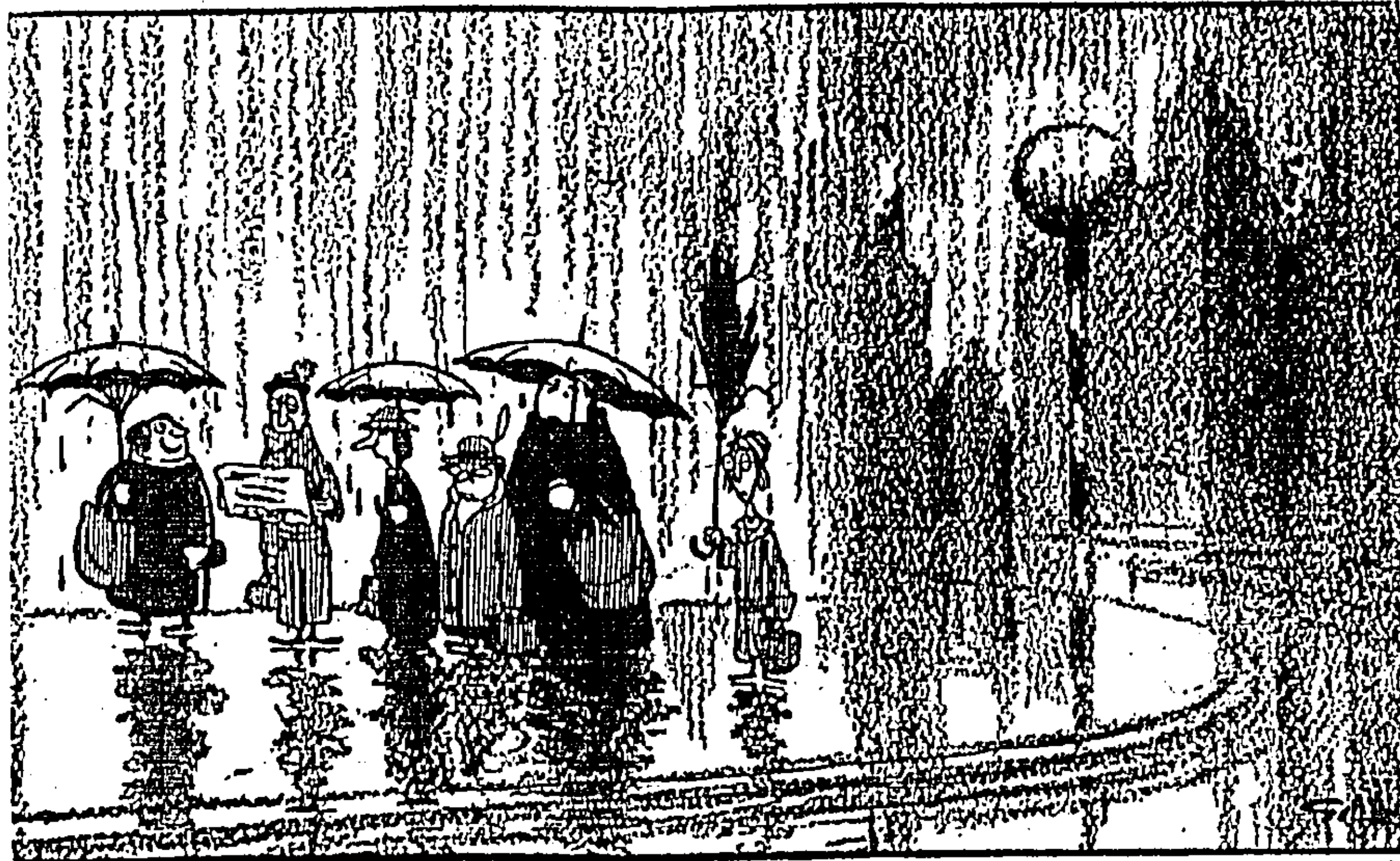
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R. M. MacColl  
pays a return  
visit to the heart  
of America's  
wheat belt

Mr. Fleming  
celebrates  
the boom

SIDNEY, Nebraska. JUST two years ago I visited Farmer George Fleming in the heart of America's wheat belt to see how life was treating him and nature treating the harvest.

Thanks to the world food shortage, coupled with the vertiginous boom in America, life then was treating Farmer George with great solicitude.

How now? What is George Fleming—prototype of the men who this year have harvested yet another of America's fantastic bumper crops (official estimate 1,289 million bushels of wheat)—saying and thinking of his own life and of the dimly realised world beyond?

Farmer George and the thousands of other American Farmer Georges have still "got it good"—unbelievably good.

Farmer George has decided to leave the comfortable, but isolated, farmhouse where he and his wife have lived for most of their 25 years of married life. They are moving into the heart of Sidney itself.

They are building a new house—an unusual house, unique in Nebraska. For it is one of the newish Californian School of Architecture bungalows, deceptively simple, with outflung wings and lots of glass and a low-walled courtyard at the back.

The price? An estimated \$20,000. "But," says Farmer George, "with a deceptive simplicity matching that of his bungalow, I don't figure that's an extravagance. If I waited till times were bad, it would take two or three crops to be able to pay for the house. Now, with the good times, I can build it with one crop."

## Extravagant? No!

SPECIAL stonemasons have been imported from Denver, 160 miles away, to chisel the red Colorado stone.

Seven bricklayers were brought in from Denver, too, as the local men were busy. They arrived in brand-new Cadillacs, and Farmer George has cheerfully been paying their board and lodging in Sidney while they work for him (at \$1 per hour per man). "No, I don't figure that's an extravagance either," he says. "Got

to have the men if I want to get the house built."

Coyote skins hang on the walls in the old house; a mute testimony to the changes of fortune possible in this strange, swarming America. For 15 years ago, during the great depression, Farmer George was forced to pad his meagre income by shooting coyotes to get a Government bounty on their skins. He smiles tolerantly at the thought today.

Farmer George is envied not only architecturally for his new house, but also technically for his new farm implements. He has succeeded in buying a brand-new Canadian super-combine, a giant 16-footer, one of the first to be sold south of the border.

He bought this for about \$1,250—"just price," that is. Those Canadian fellows don't seem to fool with black market stuff—and next day received an offer of \$1,800 for it.

## Car premiums

HE has also got a new farm drophead coupe for his own use. Although new car premiums have dwindled elsewhere in America, here in the wheat belt they are still staggering.

"Well, we want the cars," says Farmer George. "Our mortgages are all paid up. We've bought plenty of Government bonds like that. We don't owe nobody anything. The banks are bursting with our money."

"So when a fellow comes along and offers us fine-looking new cars for \$250 more than last price we pay it and no questions asked. Why not?"

Farmer George owns 2,400 acres of wheat. His harvest this year is 25,000 bushels, a drop compared with the last two years because of spring hailstorms.

But he has 10,000 bushels carried over from last year; and at just under 10s. a bushel current price that represents about \$4,500.

Farmer George, in short, is sitting pretty, or so it seems.

## Prices up

ANY complaints? Oddly enough, yes. Wheat prices are down. Only last January wheat was fetching nearly 15s. a bushel. Farmer George has to pay his hired hands three times as much as before. And prices of all farm machinery have doubled.

There is undoubtedly a vague malaise about the future, an intangible feeling that it is all too good to last. But Farmer George is too busy to think of it. He is losing much sleep about it.

The Marshall plan? "The help we are giving them over there reverts back here in higher income tax for us, but nobody knows anything about the Marshall plan nor ever talks about it."

War? "Guess most everybody thinks there's likelihood of it and some are quite worried. Looks like we may have to turn to and lick them Russians before we're through."

"How will you vote for President in November?"

"Probably for Truman." (This is surprising, for Nebraska is a rock-ribbed Republican State. But since I last saw him Farmer George has been elected county commissioner on a Democratic "ticket.")

In the evening we drove back to town from the farm and dropped in at a local club. The barman told us that "Every Saturday night I serve more drinks than last New Year's Eve. I'm plumb wore out."

Slot machines stood massed, although gambling is frowned on by the state. The new "three-way" slot machine big as a radio-gramophone. Its "jackpot" is \$18.

Three lucky gamblers hit the jackpot last week-end, and a queue of others lining up with their silver dollars and half dollars to have a go was so long it interfered with the dancers in the next room.

But from this background of feverish and perhaps ephemeral boom of unspoken fear of another war, I am carrying back with me one piece of good and significant news.

Agricultural experts have long been alarmed about the deadly effects of American—and world—economy of soil erosion.

If man's abuse of the land is not curbed, America's fertility may pour into the sea or just blow away.

## Crop rotation

BUT the news about soil erosion in Nebraska is encouraging. Ninety percent of Nebraska farmers are working systematically and voluntarily to conserve their precious soil. In the 11 wheat counties of Western Nebraska they have planted 50,000 trees as "windbreaks" in the past 18 months. And this re-afforestation will continue.

The light sandy soil must be bound to the earth with tree roots and sufficient moisture. And they have borrowed from Britain the age-old idea of crop rotation.

Until recently the earth was worked to exhaustion and then left to die and blow away.

Now most farmers practise careful rotation, and improved harvesting methods mean that, even with wheatfields lying fallow one year out of every two or three, they still can contrive these huge harvests.

Most Nebraska farmers, too, have given up the bad practice of putting a match to a field of stubble after the harvest. The stubble, instead, is carefully ploughed under as a form of self-fertiliser.

Other parts of America will have to follow suit if all the worst predictions are to be avoided. But with energy and good will this vast and last tragedy of the American land can be averted.

SEFTON DELMER'S  
NEWSMAPI hope  
Moscow is  
a New Deal  
for diplomats

London, Aug. 23. ONLY now after three weeks of talks has the public been allowed a glimpse of what has been going on in Moscow.

Even this peep at the cards has been given only because the Russians decided the negotiations had broken down, and began putting out their version in the Soviet-controlled Berlin radio and newspapers.

Until then it was secret diplomacy at its topmost secret. Reporters were kept icily at a distance. The world public was not allowed to hear so much as a whisper of what was being discussed. And that although the future life and happiness of hundreds of millions of citizens may depend on these discussions.

Do I disapprove of this secrecy? On the contrary, I welcome it.

If these negotiations have broken down—and that is how things look to me—it is not because we did not adopt the kind of open diplomacy we went in for at the Paris peace conference of 1946.

There the delegates preferred to harangue the public gallery instead of bargaining and compromising—as they might have done had the negotiations been private. They publicly took up positions from which they could not withdraw without loss of prestige.

The Moscow talks of 1947 were not much better.

True, there was no gallery. The Press was excluded from the debates. But instead each delegation had public relations officers in attendance who gave us reporters a verbatim of what each Minister had said. So that again the conference became a hushings. No delegate was able to eat his words without his indignation showing.

## Precision

I WELCOME one other departure from the previous tendencies of our postwar diplomacy shown in the technique of these Moscow discussions.

At Potsdam, just after the Socialist victory in 1945, our politicians were so anxious to bring home agreement that they were ready to accept vague, ambiguous phraseology, capable of being interpreted one way by the Russians and another way by ourselves.

They adopted the let-sleeping-dogs-lie policy, and preferred to count on goodwill rather than on good drafting.

At Moscow this time we are insisting in precision, even if it means that no agreement is reached.

The Russians put up a short draft couched in the vague generalities of their best Potsdamese. The Westerners took a look at it, then put up their own draft. This was a much longer document, and proposed in precise detail exactly how each of the controversial issues should be settled. No legalistic loopholes were left for future misunderstandings and disagreements.

It will be a great thing if this change in technique at Moscow is as significant as I believe it may be. For, if it marks the end of our postwar era of loud-mouthed, tabloiding incoherence combined with pusillanimous appeasement of our amateur Left-wing diplomatists, and the return to sober professionalism in our diplomacy, then, indeed, these

Moscow talks have done an enormous service—even if they end in failure. Most of my 20 years as a newspaper reporter have been spent in foreign countries in the study of foreign peoples and their affairs in relation to ours.

My work has constantly brought me in contact with members of our foreign service as far as the ability and integrity of its personnel are concerned. I say our foreign service is the best in the world.

## The danger

BUT, in all frankness, I have noticed dangerous symptoms of deterioration during the last three years.

If this deterioration is allowed to continue—and I hope the new trend shows that it is not—it may well reduce this most important weapon in our political armoury to impotence.

Mr. Bevin's fear of offending the Left-wingers of his party has had a direct effect on the members of the foreign service. It worked out in different ways.

One was this. Socialist M.P.s went travelling abroad. They visited the Iron Curtain countries. They came back with bitter Communist-inspired reproaches for our envoys there and accused them of being reactionaries incapable of understanding the progressive regimes set up in these countries.

One after another our ambassadors, Ministers, and heads of missions in the Iron Curtain States were removed from their posts and sent elsewhere.

I don't think it is surprising in the circumstances that already there are some British diplomats careful of their careers who are framing their speech, conduct their despatches, and their proposals of action according to what they believe will be politically most pleasing at home.

## An example

IN one Iron Curtain capital I found the successor of a removed "reactionary" had ordered his staff to avoid all contact with members of the country's anti-Communist opposition.

As a consequence, in that particular capital Britain has been losing the information which the opposition could give them. The Foreign Office, Mr. Bevin, and the Cabinet have been getting an unnecessarily incomplete picture.

And by this tacit acknowledgment that any association with oppositionists is unfriendly to the Government, our liberty of political action in this country is badly curtailed.

Once our diplomats are freed from dependence on domestic politics, and have their confidence restored as non-political agents of the Crown, the next task will be to set about modernizing the conduct of our diplomatic work.

At present there seems to me to be a woeful lack of planning ahead. The recent Danube Conference is a case in point.

It was obvious months ago that there would be no negotiations in the ordinary sense in Belgrade, that the Soviet with a majority of seven to three would yield on no point.

## An opportunity

NOW in these circumstances we should have borrowed a leaf out of the Communist book.

Our delegates should have treated the conference purely as a sounding board for political propaganda, its resonance to be augmented by the transmitters of the B.B.C.

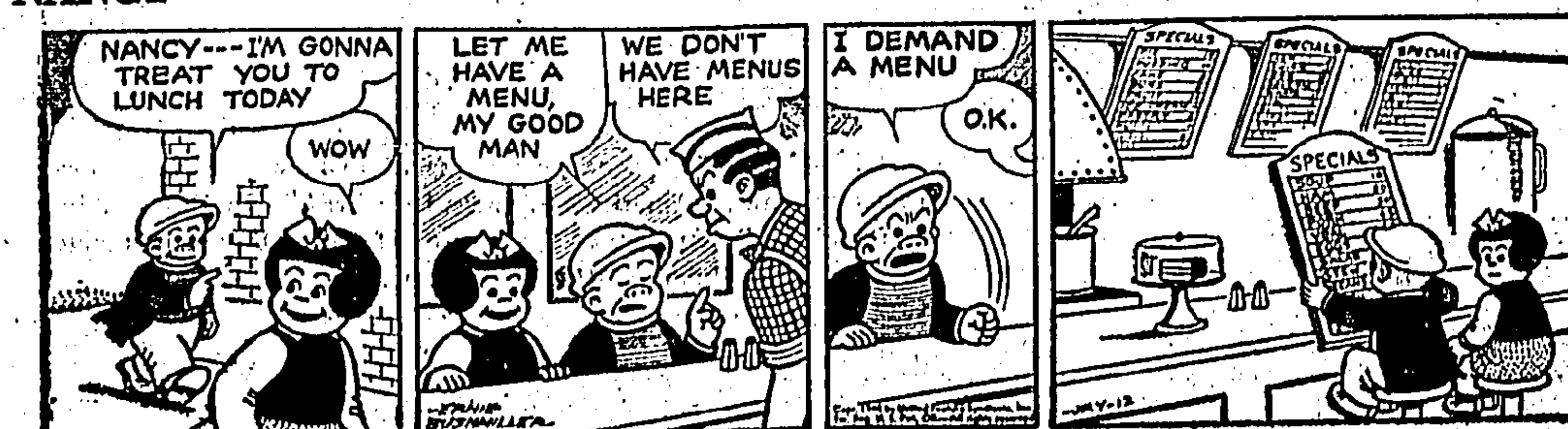
There was enough political dynamite lying around the Balkans to make Mr. Vishinsky rue the day he went to Belgrade.

But Sir Charles Penke and Mr. Cavendish Cannon, the equally able U.S. Ambassador, were instructed to treat the conference as a routine diplomatic conference. They scored a couple of neat drawing-room cracks here and there, plus a legal quibble or two.

But that did not prevent their being defeated in what could have been a great victory.

These Moscow talks, whatever their result, are ushering in a new phase in our relations with Russia. I hope they are also going to mean a new deal for our diplomacy.

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## May Invoke NY State Law To Make Govt Servants Talk

Washington, Sept. 5.—House espionage investigators today studied New York law as a possible weapon to force Government employees to answer their "Are you a Communist?" question.

The refusal of witnesses to answer that question on the grounds that the reply might be incriminating has been a big stumbling block in the House Un-American Activities Committee's investigation of the alleged Communist spy ring in Washington.

## Rural Bliss In Malaya

One Small Corner Where Peace Reigns

(BY WILLIAM HARPUR)

Sungei Patani, Kedah, Malaya, Sept. 5.—With harvesting, ploughing and rice planting going on simultaneously, the Malay state of Kedah, north-west of Malaya's granary, presents a happy picture of rural bliss with little or no indication of the potentially explosive possibilities of Red terrorism and concomitant Sino-Malay friction.

I have just travelled through the state from the Muda River in the south to the Siamese frontier in the north, and outwardly there is no sign that conditions have changed since the happy days before the Japanese occupation when Kedah was a semi-autonomous Mohammedan sultanate under British tutelage. Kedah is now a member of the Malayan Federation.

Beneath the surface, however, the situation is strained. It is further complicated by the fact that the state's northern frontier is an arbitrary line drawn through the jungle from Perlis to Kelantan and across this frontier passes not only a brisk illicit traffic in foodstuffs, currency and opium, but also mysterious personages connected with Malaya's present state of terrorism. Infiltration through unmaped jungle paths is a problem at present defeating the best efforts of both the Malayan and Siamese governments.

**RELATIONS STRAINED**

Partly as a legacy of the Japanese occupation of both countries and partly owing to deeper reasons, relations between the Chinese and Malays leave something to be desired. The Malays, contented and docile as a rule, are capable of Muslim fanaticism if roused by indignation or if their susceptibilities are offended. The Chinese and Malays have something to be desired. The Malays, contented and docile as a rule, are capable of Muslim fanaticism if roused by indignation or if their susceptibilities are offended. The Chinese and Malays have something to be desired.

The two principal towns of Alor Star, the capital, and Sungei Patani, the southern commercial centre (near which are situated the extensive American owned Harvard Estates) have installed fluorescent lights and coffee shops, the centre of native social life and gossip, remain open to a late hour, but in the more remote villages shops bar their shutters at an early hour while outside is heard the tramp, tramp of hastily recruited special constables on the rounds.—United Press.

## Inspecting Prize Cattle



Their Majesties the King and Queen attended the first Highland Show to be held since the war. The Show was held at Inverness and attracted a record number of visitors from home as well as overseas, including all parts of the Empire, U.S.A. and South America. There were 1,700 livestock entries with nearly 20 show rings in use at one time. In this picture Their Majesties the King and Queen with Lord Lovat are seen inspecting prize cattle.

## LANDLORD LOSES APPEAL

### TRIBUNAL'S DECISION NOT TO EVICT UPHELD

The steps required to be taken by a landlord desiring to become direct landlord over sub-tenants of a principal tenant was a procedure which had to be strictly followed, Mr Justice Gould emphasised in the Appeal Court this morning when he delivered judgment in favour of the respondents in an appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal.

The appellant was Teol Ip-shi, a woman, and landlord of No. 414 Queen's Road West. She asked for the reversal of the Tribunal's decision on the grounds that it was against the weight of evidence and was wrong in law.

Opponents were Cheung Yee-koo, Leung Shing, Cheung Foo and Tam Ming, sub-tenants of the flat. The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC, instructed by Mr A. S. C. Comber, appeared for the appellant. Opponents were not represented by Counsel.

In a written judgment, Mr Justice Gould said: "This is an appeal against the refusal of a tenancy tribunal to make an order of eviction against the four respondents, all of whom are occupiers of portions of No. 414 Queen's Road West, 2nd floor. The facts in brief are that the respondents were sub-tenants of their respective portions of this property and one Kwok Pak-hang was principal tenant."

On May 24, 1947, the appellant by her solicitor gave the principal tenant notice to quit on or before June 30, 1947, and on May 31, 1947, gave notice to the respondents under section 12 (2) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947, requiring them at the expiration of one calendar month after service, to pay their respective rentals directly to the landlord.

**PECULIAR INTIMATION**

The last mentioned notice contained also the somewhat peculiar intimation that "service of detainer has been served upon Kwok Pak-hang." It must be assumed that the first word "service" in that quotation was intended to be "notice."

On July 31, 1947, letters were sent to the respondents on behalf of the appellant referring to the notice of May 31 and asking for payment of rent for July, 1947. Prior to these notices, on April 30, 1947, Kwok Pak-hang, then principal tenant, was fined by a Magistrate for charging the sub-tenants excessive rent. At that time the Magistrate made no order for eviction of the principal tenant, and it would seem that whatever he said on this subject has been relied upon by the respondents as entitling them to continue to pay their rent to the principal tenant, even after receiving the notice above referred to. In this the Tribunal found that they had acted in good faith and refused to make an order for eviction.

The appeal against this refusal is on the ground, firstly, that there was no sufficient evidence that the respondents acted in good faith in paying their rent to the principal tenant, and, secondly, that the rent, being payable to the appellant and not to the principal tenant, was in arrears for more than 30 days and the Tribunal had no discretion to refuse the order.

**A CONCESSION**

Before these matters arise for consideration, it is necessary first to decide whether the notices served on behalf of the appellant had the effect of creating in law a liability on the respondents to pay their rental direct to the appellant. This point was taken by the respondents before the Tenancy Tribunal by the respondents, who were not legally represented there or in this Court.

In view of the fact that a great many of the tribunals have no legally qualified members, it has been the practice of this Court, where a party has appeared before a tribunal, to permit a point of law to be taken on his behalf on appeal even though not taken before the tribunal. This concession would

not of course be made in favour of a person whose conduct had in some way disclosed him to it, but I see nothing which would in any way incline me towards that view in the present case. From what I have seen and heard of the respondents, I agree with the Tribunal's opinion of their bona fides. It is therefore necessary to examine on behalf of the appellant with reference to section 12 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947.

**TWO SUB-SECTIONS**

The first two sub-sections of this section are as follows:—

(1) The immediate landlord of a Principal Tenant whose original contract of tenancy has been or shall be determined by a valid notice to quit given at any time after the commencement of this Ordinance or the expiration of the period referred to in such notice shall serve on each sub-tenant of such Principal Tenant written notice under this section calling upon the sub-tenant to deliver up at the expiration of one calendar month next following the service of such notice all the furniture, fixtures, and other contents of the premises save and except such part thereof if any as the Principal Tenant may, at his option, either deliver up or retain for his own use or the use of any person as he may appoint the rent of the premises to the tenant of the immediate landlord.

(2) Immediately on the giving of such notice as aforesaid the immediate landlord shall serve on each sub-tenant of such Principal Tenant (in this section called the sub-tenant) written notice under this section calling upon the sub-tenant, after the expiration of the aforesaid calendar month, to pay to the immediate landlord or such person as he may appoint the rent of the premises to the tenant of the immediate landlord.

The third sub-section provides that from and after the expiration of "the said calendar month" the sub-tenant shall be deemed to hold as tenant of the landlord. The fourth sub-section makes similar provision in respect of the principal tenant if he retains possession of the portion occupied by him.

**CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS**

The section is of course designed to provide a means whereby all tenancies as sub-tenancies held by various persons in particular premises may be converted into direct tenancies from landlord to occupier, the principal tenant becoming an ordinary tenant on the same footing as the rest. If it is taken into account that the section involves interference with contractual relations and a variation of the position normally occupied by statutory tenants and sub-tenants. The procedure laid down must therefore be strictly followed.

The steps required to be taken by a landlord who desires to take advantage of the section are three in number. First, he must determine the contractual tenancy of the principal tenant by giving him a valid notice to quit unless that has already been done. Secondly, he must serve the notice to quit has expired serve the principal tenant with a further notice calling for delivery of possession at the expiration of one calendar month, save and except the part of the premises retained for his own use. It is obligatory that this second notice should give the principal tenant the option of giving up possession of such part of the premises as he may desire to retain as tenant of the landlord. Thirdly, the landlord must immediately, upon giving that second notice, give notice to the sub-tenants that he had done so and calling upon the sub-tenants to pay their rent after the expiration of the calendar month to the landlord direct.

**FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE**

In the present case, there has been failure, presumably occasioned by a misreading of section 12, to give the second notice to the principal tenant. This vital step has

## Millions Of Aid Dollars

### Britain Heads The Marshall List

Washington, Sept. 5.—An Economic Co-operation Administration report published here today showed that Britain headed the list of recipient nations with an allocation of just over US\$341 million as the Marshall aid plan entered its sixth month.

France was second with \$237,822,208, Italy third with \$148,328,914 and the People of Germany fourth with \$142,320,347.

The report showed that though grants were increasing rapidly, repayable loans were lagging far behind schedule. The only loan approved so far was \$2,300,000 to Iceland for fisheries. This was less than half of one percent of the funds earmarked to finance overseas industrial recovery projects in the Marshall plan's first six months.

European governments have been reported resisting the three percent interest and the repayment terms proposed by ECA, believing that more liberal terms would be appropriate for their financial condition.

### LOANS AND GRANTS

An ECA spokesman said today that loans are expected to be signed quickly when some compromise is reached. This should occur before the end of this month.

The half-year ECA programme called for \$500 million in loans and \$2,000 million in grants. If the present rate of approvals were increased slightly, ECA might reach its half-yearly grants target.

The totals for other countries so far were: Holland \$93,443,870; Austria \$8,065,101; China \$74,293,105; Greece \$68,318,228; Denmark \$32,027,998; Norway \$28,334,405; French Zone of Germany \$23,508,193; Trieste \$9,668,549; and Belgium \$2,214,514.—Reuter.

### A PERSISTENT OFFENDER

A boat-mistress, Ho Tai-so, who had been previously warned and fined for carrying excess passengers was this morning fined \$200 by Mr Cullins at the Marine Court for a similar offence.

According to Sub-Inspector Nip-pard, Ho was arrested off the Star Ferry wharf in Kowloon this morning. She was carrying coolies from Wanchai and had 55 persons on her boat although it was licensed only for 17.

### British Troops For Burma

(Continued from Page 1)

Between 30 and 40 Chinese terrorists today attacked the Sweeten Estate near Johore Bahru, across the causeway from Singapore island, and wounded two special constables, the police stated here.

The terrorists partly destroyed a bridge by setting it on fire to prevent the arrival of police reinforcements.

The body of a Chinese rubber estate owner, missing since Wednesday was found near Yong Peng, central Johore, today.

Three police patrolmen escaped with slight injuries when terrorists ambushed them with an automatic weapon at Pusing, near Ipoh.

Representatives of 40,000 trade unionists decided today at Kuala Lumpur to form a Malayan Labour Party, but deferred action until December.

The formation of a Labour Party on Singapore Island was announced recently.—Reuter.

been completely omitted. Therefore the principal tenant remained the statutory tenant of the whole premises. It was consequently impossible to give a valid notice to the sub-tenants under sub-section 2 as it is obvious from the wording of that sub-section that the giving of the second notice under sub-section 1 is a condition precedent.

It cannot be suggested that the Legislature contemplated the possibility of conversion of the sub-tenants into direct tenants of the landlord without divesting the principal tenant of his tenancy, even though only statutory, of the whole premises. In the present case, therefore, the notice to the sub-tenants, the condition precedent not having been observed, could have no legal effect.

The result is that the respondents did not become liable to pay rent direct to the landlord and were not liable to eviction on the application of the latter for failure to do so. The Tribunal made an order for eviction against Kwok Pak Hang, within 30 days from the 4th June, 1948. Even if the Tribunal had then regarded the respondents as sub-tenants it would obviously not have ordered their eviction; their position is therefore regulated by section 23 of the Ordinance and they must now be regarded as direct tenants of the appellant.

Whether their direct tenancies should be deemed to commence on the 4th June, or the 4th July depends on the construction of sections 22 (b) and 23 of the Ordinance and has not been argued before me, but I think the better view is that the correct date is the 4th June.

Being of the opinion expressed above, I do not consider it necessary to decide the other point of law argued before me. The appeal is refused.

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**Labour Day In The States**  
Chicago, Sept. 5.—Americans celebrated the long Labour Day holiday as seldom before, but the toll of violent deaths appeared to be lagging behind that of the average weekend.



A United Press survey showed 135 persons killed since Friday night in the final summer holiday. The toll included 92 traffic fatalities, 11 drownings and 32 deaths from miscellaneous mishaps.

Traffic officials estimated that 100,000,000 Americans were away from home, seeking a last fling at resorts, fishing streams and other vacation spots. Millions of cars were on the streets and highways.—United Press.

**CITY REVOLTS**  
Calbarren, Cuba, Sept. 5.—The city of Calbarren is in rebellion against the Cuban Government because it says the Government has failed to meet its demands for a modern sewage system and paved streets.

Police and soldiers patrolled the city and forced some citizens to sweep the streets. Calbarren has been placed under curfew.

In Cuba, Municipal improvements for most cities are handled by the Central Government.—Associated Press.

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# AMERICANS WIN THE DAVIS CUP

Forest Hills, Sept. 5.—The United States today kept possession of the Davis Cup when Billy Talbot and Gardner Mulloy beat Billy Sidwell and Colin Long, of Australia, 8-6, 9-7, 2-6, 7-5 in clinching the doubles match of the challenge round.

This doubles victory before 6,000 fans in the West Side tennis stadium was the third match won by the Americans in the best three of five series.

Yesterday Ted Schroeder and Frank Parker won the two opening singles matches. Tomorrow's two concluding single contests will be mere routine.

Talbot of New York and Mulloy of Miami, Florida, clinched America's 15th victory since the Davis Cup was placed in competition in 1900. They also gave the United States its seventh victory over Australia in the 13 times the two countries have met in the challenge round.

## THE TARGET

Sidwell was the target for Talbot and Mulloy during most of today's play. Although the American pair unexpectedly resorted to a defensive game, most of their careful returns were aimed at Sidwell's backhand and the Australian in a white tennis cap had a difficult time of it.

Long, bespectacled, stockily-built and brown-haired, who specialises in a smashing overhead game, had less work to do. The American defensive tactics and the concentration on Sidwell caused the Australian to not 65 shots and to send 41 others outside the sideline.

Meanwhile, Talbot and Mulloy charged with 61 nets and 37 outs—not a great margin of superiority. Those figures are a true disclosure of the fact that the match was poorly played by both sides. Some experts declared that it was the worst doubles match ever seen in the Davis Cup challenge round.—United Press.

## SEVEN-A-SIDE SOCCER

The following is the programme for the Stanley Shield Seven-a-side knock out competition, Senior Division, to be played at the Club ground, Happy Valley on the 11th & 12th September, 1948:—

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

#### 1st Round

PCA v St. Joseph's (C) ... 3.00 p.m.  
CAA (A) v Navy (D) ... 3.30 ..  
St. Joseph's (D) v Army ..  
(A) .. 4.00 ..  
WD Chinese v South ..  
China (B) .. 4.30 ..

#### 2nd Round

St. Joseph's (A) v Trans-ways (A) .. 5.00 ..  
CAA (B) v KIMB .. 5.30 ..  
South China (C) v Taikoo ..  
(A) .. 6.00 ..  
Police (B) v Club Rugby ..

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

Club (A) v Miniature FA 3.00 ..  
Navy (A) v Kitchee .. 3.30 ..  
PCA or St. Joseph's (C) v CAA (A) or Navy (D) 4.00 ..  
St. Joseph's (D) or Army ..  
(A) v WD Chinese or South China (B) .. 4.30 ..  
Navy (C) v Club (C) .. 5.00 ..  
St. Joseph's (B) v Taikoo ..

(B) .. 5.30 ..  
Club (B) v Club Rugby ..  
(1) .. 6.00 ..  
RAF (B) v Army (B) .. 6.30 ..  
Eastern v Police (A) .. 7.00 ..

Club Secretaries are requested to note times of kick off.

Form "B" (list of teams) must be handed to referee before match.

## ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM

A friendly game will be played on the Police Ground on Tuesday September 7 at 6 p.m. between St. Joseph's and Kowloon Motor Bus.

The St. Joseph's team will be chosen from the following:—MacDougall, Brown, B. Gosano, Hui King-seng, A. J. Hussain, R. Roehn, Leonard, Rumjahn, Manson, Toledo, M. Xavier, C. Pereira, J. Gomez, Fung, King-cheung, Joannilho, B. M. Omar, A. Santos, C. Santos.

Players to meet at the Star Ferry (Kowloon) at 5.30 p.m.

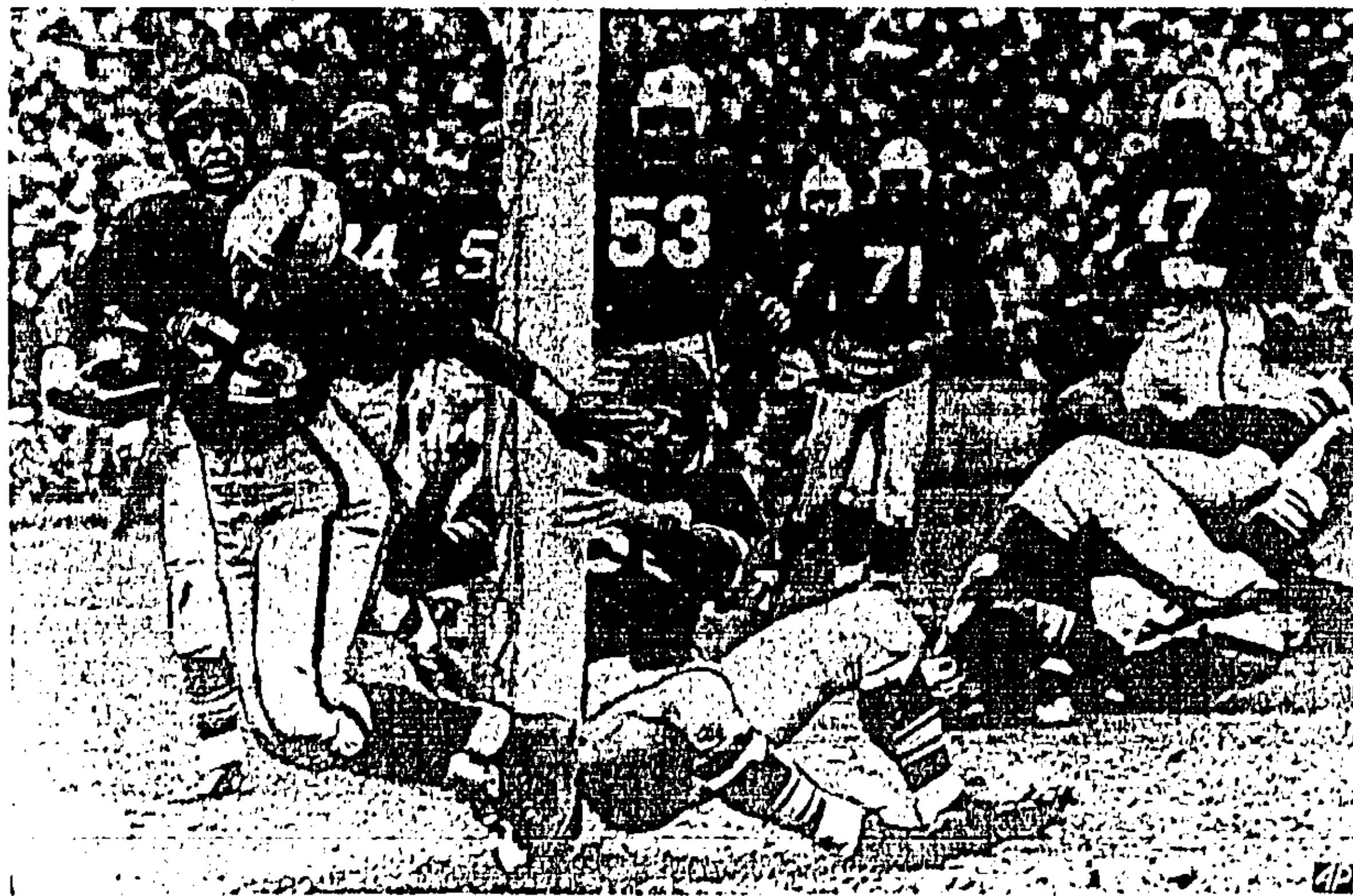
## Timur Breaks Down

London, Sept. 5.—M. Marcel Boussac's French colt, Timur II, will not run in the Doncaster St. Leger, the jockey, Charlie Elliott, stated today.

Elliott, who was to have ridden Timur, went across to France to ride him in a gallop on Saturday but found that he had broken down.

Elliott is now without a mount in the St. Leger. An earlier statement by Timur's trainer in France, M. Semblat, said that the colt had suffered a setback in training and a decision about running him in the St. Leger would be made tomorrow.—Reuter.

## TOUCHDOWN FOR '49ERS



Hal Shoener, '49er end, skirts around the goal post for a touch-down in the second quarter after taking a lateral from Frankie Albert. Baltimore Colts' Jack Fitch rammed the goal posts trying to stop Shoener. The '49ers went on to defeat the Colts, 42 to 14 in a professional exhibition game at San Francisco.—AP Wirephoto.

## FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENDS OUT A "NOTE PLEASE!"

# British Soccer Touring Teams And Overseas Criticism

London, Sept. 5.—Oversens criticism of the conduct of British football touring teams is reported in a bulletin issued by the Football Association, which reminds clubs that "any match overseas, unless it is played in the very best sporting tradition, can do as much harm to Britain's name as it can do good."

The statement says that a report has been received by the Association showing that the conduct of one or two of the club teams playing in matches abroad has not reached the standard of sportsmanship that might have been expected, and it has reflected, little credit on British football.

"Much of the trouble seems to have been due to faulty refereeing," the statement continues. "Clubs are advised to press for the appointment of neutral officials in all matches against foreign sides and while it only affects a small minority of clubs they are reminded that any match overseas, unless it is played in the very best sporting tradition, can do as much harm to Britain's name as it can do good."

In a comment on this bulletin, connections of several Football League teams are reported to have spoken adversely of the quality of the refereeing their teams encountered in overseas matches. Mr. Dave Mangnall, manager of Queen's Park Rangers, suggested that a neutral referee, or a British one should always be in charge of such matches.

## QUITE AN EXPERIENCE

Mr. Jimmy Seed, manager of Charlton Athletic, said that his team were leading by seven goals to one in one match in Stockholm with only 20 minutes to go, and the match ended in a seven goals all.

## THE ATHLETE'S DIET FAD

# DR ABRAHAMS SHAKES A FINGER AT TRADITION

## By "RECORDER"

The statement issued very nearly on the eve of the Olympic Games by Britain's famed authority on nutrition, Dr. Adolphe Abrahams, that it doesn't very much matter what an athlete eats so far as he eats enough of it, is rather a revolutionary one from the point of view of accepted tradition.

Every athletic trainer from the most ancient of times until today practises his own fad where diet is concerned and officials who have to check the food lists of the 50-odd teams that came to England for the Olympic Games had to encounter quite a few strange theories.

The Chinese insisted that they would be handicapped without bamboo shoots and the Mexicans made a great deal about bringing a cartload of live chickens.

The idea of diet contrasting to athletic prowess is as old as the hills and yet the best of nutritionists have not yet got down to agreement on what an athlete should or should not eat.

## ORDEAL OF NEW CHEESE

Olympic training for the early Greeks was an ordeal of new cheese, dried figs, boiled grain milk and warm water. When the Games were just a few weeks away, the diet was cut down to cheese alone. Most modern dietitians would regard an idea like this with horror.

The Greek Olympic era was a very long one and ideas changed. It was finally decided to introduce meat and the Butchers' Guild must have become more influential with the years for in due course the cheese idea was entirely thrown aside and the Olympic flame subsisted for a long period on a diet of pork and a special kind of bread.

Then one day, after many Olympiads passed, there arrived an unheralded lad at the Olympic Stadium from some remote island of the Aegean Sea.

As the Games progressed he out-boxed and outwrestled all the opposition and as a horse of footed couriers is said to feel the laws to the remotest corners of the Greek world, busy correspondents rushed up with Greece-shaking news. The new world-beater dieted exclusively on goatfish. His district was rich enough to support a herd of swine.

This so upset all ideas on diet that the Pork Butchers' Guild lost its hold entirely on the athletic world and an era set in when athletes experimented with everything from

## A MAN CALLED MILO

Then a man called Milo made his appearance who was a firm believer in eating the same thing but necessarily a gargantuan quantity of it.

He demonstrated after winning all available laurel wreaths one day by entering the stadium with a four-year-old heifer on his back, racing around with it finally getting down to the job of devouring the heifer on his own.

Big-time sport had a lapse of several centuries before the English took it up and they had hardly got down to a diet led when the best butchers made their influence felt.

Going into training in the early 19th century meant a diet of half-cooked beefsteaks and dry bread and some evil influence had it that water was dangerous.

## THE THIRSTY ERA

It was believed that what a man ate and drank had a more important bearing on his ultimate success than his running or his boxing. It was set down as a standard that no athlete could have more than two pints of water a day to wash down the half-cooked meat and stale bread with.

The Thirsty Era did not last more than some two score years when someone who liked the sound of the name "Glauber" and proved to be influential enough in brulsters and pro-runners' circles had a brain-wave that caught on.

For some unhappy years athletes trained on beef, mutton, stale bread, strong beer and Glauber salts. On the taboo list were fish, vegetables, cheese, butter and eggs or just exactly the items of diet that have caught on in our own era.

## BASEBALL

# WILL CLEVELAND "BLOW" THE PENNANT?

## Philadelphia Manager Hopeful

By JACK CUDDY

NEW YORK.

Big Al Simmons, Athletic's coach and Connie Mack's right-hand man, declared today: "Cleveland will blow it again!"

Simmons, a carry-over from the great Philadelphia teams of the past, admitted that Cleveland—because of its schedule—should be favoured now to win the American League pennant; but he added vehemently:

"The Indians won't win it! Cleveland hasn't won a pennant since 1920. Every time it looked as though they were in, they blew their chances. Something always happened. They're a blowing club. They'll blow it this time."

The gray-haired husky leaned forward dramatically and exclaimed: "Yes—and, if they don't blow it themselves, we'll make them blow it!"

A somewhat startled reporter asked if Mr. Simmons meant that the Athletics would win the pennant.

"Who's going to beat us?" challenged the guy whose booming, but faded exactly with the eagles of Mickey Cochrane, Jimmy Dykes and Jimmy Fox in 1929, 30 and '31—before the A's were "Broken up."

The reporter timidly mentioned the Boston Red Sox.

"A tough club," admitted Al. "A good-hitting club. One with a good manager. But their pitching's inconsistent."

What about the Yankees?

Simmons said, "They had me worried before our trip to New York. But I know now they ain't got what it takes. We proved that when we beat them in both ends of that double-header before the biggest home crowd of the year, more than 72,000."

But the Yankees beat the A's in the first two games of the New York series.

"That's all. That's just it!" declared Al. "If the Yankees had the right kind of spirit at this stage of the race, they'd have moved us down in both games. The momentum of two wins over a tough club in a hard fight is a great thing if the spirit is right. It starts you on winning streaks. And you've got to have streaks to win a pennant."—United Press.

## Red Sox Hold On

New York, Sept. 5.—

Boston Red Sox clung to their slender half-game lead in the American League today with a 4-3 victory over Philadelphia Athletics on a dramatic tenth inning single by veteran Wally Moses.

Stepping in as pinch-hitter, 39-year-old Moses rapped a base hit into centre field to score Ted Williams from second base with the winning run.

Thus Red Sox remained a half's breadth ahead in the tight race as the runner-up New York Yankees ripped Washington 5-3. Boston picked up a half game, however, on a pinch hit by Wally Moses in the ninth inning. Ted Williams, who doubled to set up the winning tally, was the overall Boston hitting star with four hits in five trips.

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## JOLTIN' JOE

Joltin' Joe DiMaggio clouted his 33rd homer and also the double that started the winning rally as Yankees defeated Washington 5-3 when Indians were routed out at St. Louis.

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